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DORGAN WINS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR DEVILS LAKE OUTLET FUNDING

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan won subcommittee approval Thursday for \$4 million in funding for the construction of a Devils Lake outlet. The Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, of which Dorgan is a member, voted to approve the funding for fiscal year 2001, which begins on October 1st of this year.

"This is good news for Devils Lake," said Dorgan, who was joined in making the request by Senator Kent Conrad and Congressman Earl Pomeroy. "With this money, the Corps of Engineers will be able to move forward with required feasibility, engineering and design work. The subcommittee also recognizes that the Corps has the authority to use up to \$10 million of previously appropriated funds to begin construction when certain conditions are met."

"We've pushed hard to win this critical funding, with the help of the Devils Lake community and local officials. This will move us another step closer to building an outlet and providing relief from the continuous flooding that threatens the Devils Lake area," Dorgan continued.

The outlet funding is included in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which now moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. Dorgan, a member of that committee, said he expects the full Senate to consider the measure by the end of July.

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